

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The current status of all claims in the Application is as follows:

Claims 1-7, 9 and 13-18 (CANCELED)

8. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method for attaching a base member to an end of a fluorescent lamp glass envelope, the method comprising the steps of:

    providing an annular end portion on an external wall portion of the glass envelope;

    pressing a base shell member of a cup-shape configuration onto the end portion of the envelope;

    applying a collar of shrink wrap material to the envelope end portion and the base shell member, said collar having an adhesive on an interior surface thereof; and

    shrinking the collar to compress against the envelope end portion and the base shell member, to fix the base shell member on the envelope end portion.

10. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method in accordance with claim 9 8 wherein the adhesive is curable adhesive and the method includes a further step of curing the adhesive after applying the collar to the envelope end portion and the base shell member.

11. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method in accordance with claim 9 8 wherein shrinking the collar comprises applying heat to the collar to heat shrink the collar.

12. (ORIGINAL) The method in accordance with claim 10 wherein the adhesive is cured by the application of heat and the collar is shrunken by the application of heat.

19. (ORIGINAL) A method for attaching a base member to an end of a fluorescent lamp glass envelope, the method comprising the steps of:

providing an annular end portion on a wall of the glass envelope;

pressing a base shell member of a cup-shape configuration onto the end portions of the envelope; and

applying a collar of wrap material to the envelope end portion and the base shell member, the wrap material having a layer of adhesive on an interior surface thereof to fix the base shell member on the envelope end portion.

20. (ORIGINAL) The method in accordance with claim 19 wherein the adhesive is curable adhesive and the method comprises a further step of curing the adhesive after applying the collar to the envelope end portion and the base shell member.

21. (ORIGINAL) The method in accordance with claim 19 wherein the collar is of a shrink wrap material and the method comprises a further step of shrinking the collar onto the envelope end portion and the base shell member.

22. (ORIGINAL) The method in accordance with claim 20 wherein curing the adhesive comprises heat curing the adhesive.

23. (ORIGINAL) The method in accordance with claim 21 wherein shrinking the collar comprises heat shrinking the collar.